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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: GOOGLE, CHINA POLICY, THE MIDDLE EAST

Editorial Quotes

[1](#)1. GOOGLE

"What on earth does Google want to do?"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(01/15)(pg 14): "Normally commercial companies like Google will try hard to avoid things like making political requests to China. Secretary Clinton has criticized China and U.S. Congressmen have criticized China. The quick change from Google's original complaint about its server being attacked to requesting China to canceling its Internet censorship has surprised China. If Google intends to influence China's political situation and its social reform process through commercial activities, the nature of the incident must have been completely different. Chinese society is quite open at this time and the continuous growth of the Internet has inspired this growth. However, any openness should have a certain character and requires a growth process. This time the cheerleading of the Western media concerning Google's withdrawal should make the Chinese people vigilant. China welcomes Google to stay. Without Google, some Chinese people's Internet life will surely be different. However, Google must make changes if it is to stay and must get used to China's laws. It is not a big deal if it insists on withdrawing. The withdrawal is equal to isolating itself from the Chinese market."

[1](#)2. CHINA POLICY

"Disaster diplomacy"

Guangdong 21st Century Publishing Company Ltd.'s business newspaper 21st Century Business Herald (21Shiji Jingji Baodao)(01/15)(pg A3): "Zhang Yun-cheng, former director of the Center for the Study of Globalization at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, said that these rapid large-scale international relief operations by the Chinese international rescue team are the first time since their established. China's quickness has surprised me. The quick response, when in fact, Haiti has established diplomatic relations with Taiwan over the last 43 years, and hasn't established formal diplomatic relations with Mainland China, forms quite a contrast. China's quick response to the disaster in Haiti, a country known as 'the American backyard' and 'Taiwan's diplomatic ally,' may have political considerations. Although there might be diplomatic factors behind the relief effort, China's high-profile help to Haiti, shortly after China's Wenchuan earthquake, may also include repayment for the help and assistance received from all parties in the past. We hope that China's search and rescue team would accomplish something in this rescue operation so as to 'establish a good international image.'"

[1](#)3. THE MIDDLE EAST

"The United States should neither panic nor go mad"

The official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao)(01/15)(pg 21): "Since the beginning of 2010, the United States has obviously stepped up its efforts to promote its Middle East peace process. Despite the fact that right after he took the office, Obama has suggested that his primary goal is accomplishing something in the Middle East peace process through global diplomacy, the Palestine-Israel issue has been at an impasse after almost a year. The United States is trying all means possible to promote a formal negotiation between all concerned parties. No matter how eager the United States is, peace in the Middle East is a matter between Palestine and Israel. If the Middle East peace issue can be flexibly addressed, there will be more hope in dealing with the Iranian nuclear issue. U.S. Middle East envoy Mitchell's latest remarks, that the U.S. could freeze Israel's loan guarantee if Israel fails to promote the peace process, has agitated Israel. Therefore in the past year, the U.S. could not panic nor go mad."

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